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For: OBJECTIVE LENS FOR OPTICAL PICK-UP

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Each of the following documents were cited in a United Kingdom Search Report, issued with respect to the corresponding United Kingdom application No. GB 01/03,144.2.

The United Kingdom Search Report cites the following documents:

(1) United Kingdom Patent Application GB 2,168,166 to OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO. LTD., published June 11, 1986, was cited as an "X" category document (i.e. document that is particularly relevant if taken alone) with respect to claim 1 (the Examiner indicated claim "1 at least"). The Examiner indicated embodiments 63 and 64 as being relevant.

(2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application 2000/121,930 to NIKON, published April 28, 2000, was cited as a "P" category document (i.e. document published on or after the

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declared priority date, but before the filing date of the United Kingdom patent application) and as an "X" category document with respect to claim 1 (the Examiner indicated claim "1 at least"). The Examiner indicated Table 3, lens 1 and the abstract as being relevant.

(3) U.S. Patent No. 6,002,483 to POWELL, issued December 14, 1999, was cited as an "X" category document with respect to claim 1 (the Examiner indicated claim "1 at least"). The Examiner indicated column 5, starting at line 34, and Figure 5 as being relevant.

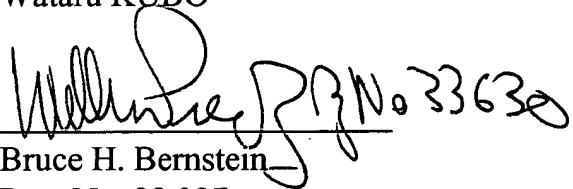
(4) "The Practical Application of Light", Melles Griot 1999, was cited as an "X" category document with respect to claim 1 (the Examiner indicated claim "1 at least"). The Examiner indicated page 1.5 and page 6.3, lines 1-3 as being relevant.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above materials. Copies of each of the above-noted documents, together with an English language abstract of JP 2000/121,930, are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. A copy of the British Search Report citing these documents (dated June 13, 2001) is also enclosed. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of these documents and to return a copy of the form to the Applicant together with the next Official Action in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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